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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A piezoelectric resonator comprising:  
a piezoelectric resonating element; and  
a first exterior substrate and a second exterior substrate laminated over and under, respectively, on said piezoelectric resonating element;  
wherein each of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate includes a multilayer substrate having at least one layer of an internal electrode;  
said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate each includes a first substrate material layer which is liquid-sintered and a second substrate material layer which is not sintered at the ~~has a~~ sintering temperature ~~greater than the sintering temperature~~ of said first substrate material layer; and  
each of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate has a deflective strength of at least 2000 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 2 (original): A piezoelectric resonator according to Claim 1, wherein said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate each have a first internal electrode and a second internal electrode provided via a substrate material layer and each have a capacitor provided therein.

Claim 3 (original): A piezoelectric resonator according to Claim 1, wherein each of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate includes a pair of a first internal electrode and a second internal electrode provided at the same height level, a third internal electrode provided with the first and second internal electrodes via a

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substrate material layer, and capacitors provided between said first internal electrode and said third internal electrode and between said second internal electrode and said third internal electrode, respectively.

**Claim 4 (original):** A piezoelectric resonator according to Claim 2, wherein the first internal electrode of said first exterior substrate and the first internal electrode of said second exterior substrate are connected to a first electric potential and a second electric potential, respectively, and the second internal electrode of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate are each grounded.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled).

**Claim 7 (original):** A piezoelectric resonator according to Claim 1, further comprising a ground electrode wound around a top surface, a pair of side surfaces, and a bottom surface of a laminate body defined by the first and second exterior substrates and the piezoelectric resonating element.

Claim 8 (canceled).

**Claim 9 (original):** A piezoelectric resonator according to Claim 1, wherein a concave portion is included in a primary surface of said first and second exterior substrates which and the primary surface defines the surface to be laminated on the piezoelectric resonating element, the concave portion defines a space such that vibration of the piezoelectric resonating element is not hindered.

Claim 10 (canceled).

**Claim 11 (currently amended):** A piezoelectric oscillator comprising:

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a built-in load capacitance type piezoelectric oscillator including:  
a piezoelectric resonating element; and  
a first exterior substrate and a second exterior substrate, which are  
laminated over and under, respectively, said piezoelectric resonating element, and  
which constitutes a three-terminal capacitor connected to said piezoelectric resonating  
element; wherein  
said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate each includes a  
multilayer substrate having at least one layer of an internal electrode;  
said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate each includes a  
first substrate material layer which is liquid-sintered and a second substrate material  
layer which is not sintered at the has a sintering temperature greater than the sintering  
temperature of said first substrate material layer; and  
each of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate has a  
deflective strength of at least 2000 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 12 (original): A piezoelectric oscillator according to Claim 11, further  
comprising an input electrode, an output electrode, and a ground electrode provided on  
the surface of a laminate body defined by said piezoelectric resonating element, said  
first exterior substrate, and said second exterior substrate, wherein said input electrode,  
said output electrode, and said ground electrode are connected to the corresponding  
terminals of said three-terminal capacitor constituted by said first exterior substrate and  
said second exterior substrate.

Claim 13 (original): A piezoelectric oscillator according to Claim 12, wherein  
each of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate each includes a  
pair of a first internal electrode and a second internal electrode provided at the same  
height level, a third internal electrode provided with the first and second internal  
electrodes via a substrate material layer, and said first internal electrode, said second

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internal electrode, and said third electrode are connected to said input electrode, said output electrode, and said ground electrode, respectively.

**Claim 14 (original):** A piezoelectric oscillator according to Claim 12, wherein said first exterior substrate includes a first internal electrode connected to said input electrode and a second internal electrode which is provided with said first internal electrode via a substrate material layer and which is connected to said ground electrode, and said second exterior substrate includes a third internal electrode connected to said output electrode and a fourth internal electrode which is provided with said third internal electrode via a substrate material layer and which is connected to said ground electrode.

**Claim 15 (original):** A piezoelectric oscillator according to Claim 11, wherein no electrode is provided on the top surface of each of said first exterior substrate and said second exterior substrate.

Claims 16 and 17 (canceled).

**Claim 18 (original):** A piezoelectric oscillator according to Claim 11, further comprising a ground electrode wound around a top surface, a pair of side surfaces, and a bottom surface of a laminate body defined by the first and second exterior substrates and the piezoelectric resonating element.

Claim 19 (canceled).

**Claim 20 (original):** A piezoelectric oscillator according to Claim 11, wherein a concave portion is included in a primary surface of said first and second exterior substrates which and the primary surface defines the surface to be laminated on the

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piezoelectric resonating element, the concave portion defines a space such that vibration of the piezoelectric resonating element is not hindered.

Claim 21 (canceled).